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We verily believe We are the original, joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **MANUAL CORRECTION OF AN IMAGE COLOR.** The specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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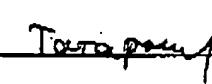
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